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Lighting it up

The lights at Temple Square in Salt Lake City lit up the sky on Friday. The lights will be on until the last day of the Olympics.

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STATE

...nowfall causes ...ower outages, ...valanche

...LT LAKE CITY — Four of ...n's ski resorts were open Sun... ...as snowstorms swept north... ...Utah for a fourth day, piling ...everal feet of snow and trig... ...g avalanches and a warning ...kiers to stay out of the back... ...ntry.

...e Utah Avalanche Forecast ...er reported several natural ...skier-induced slides in the ...atch Mountains, but no ...ies or deaths.

...re than 50 traffic accidents ...the Utah Highway Patrol ...Sunday when a fresh layer ...eavy, wet snow made driving ...herous.

...'s pretty hairy," UHP ...esman Chris Kramer said. ...dispatchers are really get... ...hammered" with distress ...

...erstate-84 through the ...atch Mountains "was like a ...g rink," Highway Patrol Sgt. ...Sagendorf said.

...heavy snowfall contributed ...attered power outages.

...cording to late Sunday night ...sNet reports, the University ...ah has canceled classes until ... and the LDS Business Col... ...has canceled all classes ...v due to the snow storm.

—Associated Press

SCIENCE

...man embryo ...oned by cell ...search group

...STON — A research compa... ...ported Sunday it had cloned ...rst human embryo, a devel... ...nt it said was aimed at pro... ...g genetically matched ...cement cells for patients with ...e range of diseases.

...the news from Advanced ...Technology of Worcester, ... drew swift protests from ...ous and political leaders ...saw it as a step toward ...g human beings.

...eral states, including Califor... ...ave banned human cloning, ...Congress is considering such ...n. But company officials ...d their work is the first step ...oviding hope for people with ...injuries, heart disease and ...ailments.

...se are exciting preliminary ...," said Dr. Robert P. Lanza, ...of the researchers at ...anced Cell Technology. "This ...sets the stage for human ...eutic cloning as a potential... ...less source of immune-com... ...cells for tissue engineering ...ransplantation medicine."

—Associated Press

WORLD

...aid workers ...rn home from ...ban captivity

...HINGTON —Two Ameri... ...workers who were jailed ...Taliban in Afghanistan ...at a Washington area air... ...unday amid cheers and ...hugs from family and ...

...er Mercer, 24, and Dayna ...30, both graduates of the ...-affiliated Baylor University ...co, Texas, spent three ...in Taliban captivity before ...lease Nov. 15.

...omen arrived at Washing... ...lles International Airport ...evening. They are to meet ...esident Bush at the White ...Monday morning.

...know there were millions ... the world who prayed for ...we really believe that's ...e're here today," Mercer ...VRC-TV in Washington. ...so glad to be back. It's ...dream come true."

...women, who had worked ...e German-based Shelter ...nternational, were arrested ... on charges of attempting ...vert Muslim Afghans to ...nity.

—Associated Press

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Genealogy with a genetic *twist*

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Lab explores molecular, genealogical database

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Little by little, blood samples and pedigree charts are adding information to a database that BYU officials hope will become global.

Instead of using PAF and microfilm, genealogy buffs will be able reap the benefits of microbiology.

The molecular genealogy lab, under the direction of microbiologist Scott Woodward, will make it possible to track down missing family lines through DNA analysis.

The database is in its beginning stages right now, but officials say that once it is sufficiently large, it will help researchers answer specific questions such as where their ancestors came from.

Lab assistant Lucus Odahlen said the database is made up of DNA samples drawn from thousands of volunteers. Volunteers also must bring four-generation pedigree charts to add to the database.

Odahlen, 26, a senior from Rapid City, S.D., majoring in zoology, said that workers analyze DNA samples and draw conclusions based on where and when ancestors were born.

Large markers in the DNA indicate general findings such as race.

"Within those there are smaller markers," he said. These small markers indicate more specific information, such as ancestor's migration patterns, he said.

The lab keeps records of trends, which lend to other findings, he said.

Ugo Perego, lab public relations director, said the lab has about 25,000 samples right now, but it may take four more years to reach the goal of 100,000 samples.

Perego said the data is strictly confidential. In fact, the names of the people do not matter — it is just the dates and places of birth.

Since the database is still being put together and because of confidentiality, Perego said the lab cannot give donors information right away on their ancestry, but donors can examine general findings on the lab's Web site, molargenealoy.byu.edu.

Patrons can also ask the lab to track a family line for a small fee. For example, if a person has traced back most of his or her genealogy except one line, the lab can examine the person's pedigree chart along with a DNA sample. By process of elimination, the lab can detect where the unknown line came from, Perego said.

The lab is working on 40 to 50 such cases right now, he said.

Research Associate Jane Anderson said that when the database is large enough, researchers would be able to come to the lab with more complicated questions.

The lab could link researchers to family group names or specific regions to look for more information on their ancestors. It is also possible to confirm whether a person is adopted or whether an ancestor is actually part of a person's line, she said.

For example, the lab played a role in tracing the ancestry of the prophet Joseph Smith. Anderson said that genealogists were stumped at one point in deciphering between three men named Robert Smith. But the lab was able to find out which man was the prophet's ancestor.

With so many possibilities for the future, Perego sees an urgency to find enough samples to bring the database to practical use.

The lab pays students $10 to give blood for the project, he said.

Perego also helps organize large groups outside the Wasatch Front to get tested.

A large-size group is necessary because of the sizable traveling and testing expenses for lab workers, he said.

According to Perego, wards and stakes in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are a common source of samples.

The lab's Web site contains a list of sampling events across the country. Those interested can find out about events in their neighborhood and arrange to be there, Perego said.

"Anyone I find to participate in the project is one less person I have to find," he said.

Dale Miles of Lindon arranged

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DNA data links global family lines

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Some people collect stamps, others collect baseball cards and some BYU researchers collect DNA samples.

The BYU Molecular Genealogy Research Group has been gathering DNA since February 2000 in an attempt to build what Public Relations Director Ugo Perego calls a "DNA map of the world."

Using tablespoon-sized blood samples and pedigree charts from project participants, the research group is piecing together a worldwide genealogical genetic database.

When it's finished, Perego said, the database will help people link themselves to their ancestors by tracing family lines back to their ethnic origin.

"In your DNA, it can tell us that you are from a certain area or from a certain race," said project member Lucas Odahlen, 26, a senior from Rapid City, S.D., majoring in zoology.

This type of project is broadening the horizon in genetic research.

It's a kind of a testing stage because a lot of what we are doing hasn't been done before," said lab worker Mike Seitz, 23, a senior from Portland, Ore., minoring in chemistry.

So far, researchers have collected more than 20,000 samples.

However, Perego said it will take four more years and 80,000 more samples from all ethnicities before the database is finished.

"Right now, we are just looking to find those areas to make sure we know where they are and what they are," Odahlen said.

The downside to the database is that it doesn't contain any names; all the samples are listed by place of birth and birthdate, Perego said. Without names, the database can't be specific, he said.

"We won't be able to tell you who your parents or your grandparents are," Perego said, adding the information can only tell people where their ancestors are from.

"By matching up someone's DNA to their genealogy, it allows us to attribute a certain gene to a certain location," Seitz said.

Students' reports intensifies query

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Army ROTC officials said they were asked to help with crowd control at the BYU-Utah game on Nov. 17.

However, University Police are denying any connection with the events that transpired that evening between fans and the ROTC.

Students who were assaulted are seeking compensation for injuries and damages by filing reports with University Police.

University Police Lt. Greg Barber said the ROTC is its own entity.

"They don't report to us, we don't supervise them," he said. "We have no responsibility for them."

In a public apology issued by the ROTC on Nov. 19, Maj. Gregory A. Weisler, assistant professor of military science, said his cadets were asked to assist in crowd control.

However, Barber said the only affiliation the ROTC has with the police is in assisting the safety escort of referees off the field.

"It's possible an individual officer may have asked the ROTC to help with crowd control, but we haven't heard anything like that," Barber said.

Barber suggested liability lies within the university.

Carri Jenkins, BYU assistant to the president for university communications, said the university needs more information before it can take a position on the incident.

She said it needs first-hand reports of assaults to students.

Jenkins said until the university receives those reports it has no official standpoint on the Nov. 17 incident.

Three BYU students assaulted by BYU ROTC cadets orally reported their experience to University Police this past week and will submit written forms today.

Jeremy Litster, 24, a graduate student from Boise, Idaho, studying accounting, said he wasn't satisfied with how police and BYU have handled the situation so far.

"When we realized people weren't going to take responsibility for what happened, we decided to file a report," Litster said.

In the ROTC public apology, Weisler expressed regret for the actions of his cadets.

"I apologize for the overenthusiastic actions taken by the Army ROTC cadets," Weisler said in the apology. "We have reviewed our actions and will establish policies to restrict our involvement in like situations."

Litster said he felt the apology was insincere and is seeking for the ROTC to take greater responsibility.

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Genetic testing creates controversy with businesses, courtrooms

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Molecular genealogy could be the wave of the future for linking individuals together in "family trees" based on genetic markers.

With a tablespoon of blood, the DNA of an individual can determine how individuals are related to families, tribal groups, and ethnic populations.

But like any new technology, molecular genealogy has the potential to be both good and evil.

Benefits of genetic testing

At BYU, Scott Woodward, director of the Molecular Genealogy Research Group, and research assistants are collaborating to construct a global genetic database to be used for genealogical purposes.

When the database is complete, people will be able to trace their genealogical lines through their genes. This type of linking will help identify persons who are unable to be identified by traditional methods.

The genetic database could theoretically help identify dismembered victims, such as in the Sept. 11 attacks.

To identify individuals, forensic scientists scan about 10 DNA regions that vary from person to person. Researchers then use the data to create a DNA profile, unique to each person, according to www.ornl.gov/hgmis/project/info.html.

This technology will also allow identification of those involved in cases such as rapes and murders where DNA samples are available.

Prosecutors would thrive off of the information available from a genetic database because it would identify the perpetrator, said Marguerite Driessen, associate professor of law at BYU, who teaches the criminal law and evidence class.

"It would be like a fingerprint database," Driessen said.

Hypothetically, prosecutors would only need to match a suspect's DNA with any traces of evidence found at the crime scene. But, this type of matching could discount the legal processes necessary in proving someone's innocence, she said.

Driessen said she questions the practicability of using such an incriminating method to catch criminals.

Consequences of genetic testing

Genetic testing reveals a persons genetic coding, including physical characteristics and any genetic mutations, including the likelihood of genetic diseases, such as cystic fibrosis and Hunington's disease.

With this information about diseases, people could prepare for the onset of the disease, but the information could also be used by companies to discriminate.

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance Act of 1999 includes prohibiting the use of genetic information for the basis of health insurance policies.

If companies had access to this information, it could alter insurance policies based on genetic data.

> "It would be like a fingerprint database."
> —Marguerite Driessen, BYU associate law professor

According to Allstate Insurance agent Jeff Rotz, genetic testing would be a benefit to their business.

"I think that insurance companies main focus, being a business, especially a big business, is No. 1, the client, and No. 2, is not paying a huge loss. If (genetic testing) was a tool, that would be something that we would use," Rotz said.

However, access to genetic data with certain limits could be the next step.

"There are certain other diseases that aren't life threatening, and it would be unfair to predispose a person because of these diseases," he said.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

East coast high school safety threatened

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Police used bomb-sniffing dogs Sunday to search a high school where three teen-agers allegedly planned to use explosives and guns to kill fellow students.

The all-day search of the sprawling 3,300-student New Bedford High School by 38 police officers and five bomb-sniffing dogs yielded no new evidence of the alleged plot, said police Lt. Richard Spirlet.

"We didn't think we were going to find anything," Spirlet said. "But we want to put the public at ease."

Police, school officials and faculty members gathered Sunday morning at the school to discuss the events and to confirm the school would open Monday.

Eric McKeehan, 17, and two juveniles who allegedly modeled themselves after the two students who carried out the Columbine High School massacre in Colorado were scheduled for arraignment Monday on charges that include conspiracy to murder.

Church reclaims documents from USU

SALT LAKE CITY — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has reclaimed an early leader's diary and documents in a settlement with a state-run university given the material by a Utah historian Friday.

The papers were so sensitive they were locked in a bank vault last week after Utah State University relinquished them to the family of historian Leonard J. Arrington, who left his 700-box collection of documents to the school before his death in 1999. Arrington's two sons and a daughter turned over his most sensitive materials to the Church of Jesus Christ.

The transfer resolved a dispute from early October when Utah State University made Arrington's papers, notes, letters and documents available to researchers at the school in Logan, Cache County. But the church objected, laying claim to some of the papers, and a tenth of the collection was sequestered from public view.

Hall held a news conference in Salt Lake City to announce that Arrington controversy was closed, as far as the university and family was concerned. He said the settlement "served everyone's interest."

"The church is satisfied that the principle issues have been resolved fairly and amicably," church spokesman Mike Otterson said Saturday. "We appreciate the good will displayed on all sides."

Turkey day travelers return to airports

Nervous about terrorism, Brit Jensen was taking a good look at fellow passengers Sunday as she flew back to Indiana after spending Thanksgiving with her parents in North Dakota.

"This is terrible to say, but you kind of check out who's flying with you. I never did that before," said Jensen, whose trip home put her on a plane for the first time since Sept. 11.

As two armed National Guards members kept watch near a door, Jensen said she didn't think she would ever get used to seeing guardsmen at Bismarck Airport.

"This is such a safe place, so it's strange to me. But things change, I guess," said Jensen, a sophomore at Taylor University near Indianapolis.

Across the nation, thousands of travelers braved congestion and increased security as they returned to airports, highways and railways during the first major travel period following the attacks.

U.S. cracks down on Afghan opium

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials are exploring ways to prevent a surge in opium cultivation in Afghanistan, once the world's leading producer, now that the Taliban's control is crumbling.

The challenge is persuading the factions likely to govern to fight opium production and trafficking, when these groups in the past have shown little inclination to do that.

U.S. counternarcotics officials want to make drug-fighting a condition for receiving international humanitarian aid. They expect some of the assistance will include programs to encourage Afghan farmers to give up opium, the raw material for heroin, in favor of wheat and other legal crops.

Weather

Yesterday	Today	Tuesday
High 36 as of		
Low 26 5 p.m.		
Precipitation		
Yesterday 0.52"		
Month to date 2.46"		
Year to date 9.57"		
	Cloudy	Cloudy
	High 32	High 33
	Low 22	Low 20

sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

— Isaiah 40:31

Valary Holt, an elementary education major from San Jose, Calif., likes this scripture because "as I face struggles in my life, I can praise the Lord as he gives me the strength to endure."

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Weekly Calendar

To submit an event, send an e-mail to calendar@du2.byu.edu. Include event info, contact name and phone number.

Today

Call for Entries
Submit creative religious expressions in poetry, prose and visual or performing arts for the Religious Education Student Symposium on March 14-15, 2002. Submissions due today in 271 JSB. Cash prizes. For information, call 378-4497.

Tuesday

University Forum
Elaine Pagels, a professor of religion at Princeton University, will speak at 11 a.m. in the Marriott Center.

BYUSA Club Night
Campus clubs meet in the Wilkinson Student Center from 7 to 9 p.m, various locations. See whiteboard adjacent to WSC Terrace for details.

Trombone Brass Choir Concert
Twenty-six-member choir will perform antiphonal contemporary and jazz works at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Free admission.

University String Orchestra Concert
Orchestra will perform classical repertoire at 7:30 p.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall. Free admission.

Wednesday

Academic Deadline
Last day to submit independent study courses and final exams for December graduation.

Synthesis Concert
Synthesis will perform a blend of jazz standards, blues, pop, Latin, funk and fusion at 7:30 p.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall. Tickets are available in the HFAC Ticket Office for $9, or $3 off with BYU or student ID. For information, call 378-4322.

International Lecture Series
Lizbeth Lyon will speak on the theme, "Management Abroad," at noon in 238 HRCB.

Flute Choir and Silver Breeze Concert
Flute Choir and Silver Breeze will perform using piccolos, C-flutes, alto flutes and bass flutes. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Free admission.

Thursday

Student Leadership Seminar
Religion professor Todd Parker will speak on the topic, "Serve Others So They May Act" at 11 a.m. in the Varsity Theater.

Avalon String Quartet has performed previously in Carnegie Hall. Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum of Art Auditorium. Tickets are $7, or $2 off with BYU or student ID. For tickets, call 378-4322.

Brass and Saxophone Chamber Quartets Concert will perform a free concert for the public at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall.

Awakening the Senses Lecture
This week's lecture is titled, "Awakening the Senses Through Touch: The First Sense to Ignite and the Last to Burn Out." The lecture will be at 11 a.m. in 3223 WSC.

Friday

Christmas Around the World
will feature the International Folk Dance Ensemble at 7 p.m. in the Marriott Center. Tickets are $10, available at the Marriott Center Ticket Office.

Percussion Ensemble and Panoramic Steel Concert will feature a musical range from Caribbean reggae to Latin salsa and traditional tunes at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Tickets are $9, or $3 off with BYU or student ID. For tickets, call 378-4322.

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"Overenthusiastic is a nice way to disguise their brutality against normal citizens, people who are also cougar fans," Litster said.

After everything had calmed down, Litster said he overheard one cadet say to another that he just got caught up in the heat of the battle.

"I personally don't want to ever to see ROTC people on the field again," Litster said.

Litster's roommate Bryan Hall, 23, a senior from Boise, Idaho, majoring in English, communicated with police on Wednesday

Hall said he was slammed to the ground and placed in a headlock by an ROTC cadet.

"I personally don't want to ever to see R people on the field again."

— Jeremy Li
BYU student assaulted by R

Hall later that night was taken to the hospital where a CAT scan revealed he had suffered a concussion.

"I'll do whatever it takes to get my medical bills paid for," Hall said.

Aaron Call, 22, a junior from Sandy, Salt Lake County, majoring in finance, is also seeking compensation for damages.

He said cadets ripped his sweatshirt and threw off his hat, a over a total of $100 of clothing.

"Their actions are uncalled for," Call said.

Barber said the police ha working days before the fi make Litster, Hall and records available to be revi

It is then, Barber said, the will be able to determin type of action should be ta

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Major hunting woes solved by center

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For some students, deciding on a major is one of the most difficult decisions to make.

"Finding the right major is not a decision that is made in a day, it is a process," said Karen Evans, coordinator for the Open Major Advisement Center.

Many students at BYU are looking for a major and in the process are wasting a lot of time taking unnecessary classes, Evans said.

The Open Major Advisement Center can save students time and money by directing them to a major suiting their personality, she said.

"Most students don't realize that choosing a major begins by looking inward, the first step is finding out what interests you have," Evans said.

The Advisement Center is open not only to freshman but all students at BYU.

"When I transferred here as a junior I really didn't know what to major in, but I always knew there was someplace to go and get help," said Sarah Chambers, 24, a senior from Seattle majoring in international studies.

There are many different options for students looking to find a major, or change the one they have, Chambers said.

"Sometimes students come into the Advisement Center because they were not accepted into the major they wanted," Evans said. "We can give them hope and help them discover their options."

The Open Major Advisement Center offers career interest testing to help students narrow the search.

"It's not an aptitude test, but it compares your interests with other students already in the major," Evans said.

Students looking for information can also visit the Career Learning Information Center.

"The Career Learning Information Center has hundreds of files and books on careers," Evans said.

Each month the Career Learning Information Center also offers several workshops to students. Workshops topics range from test preparation to internships and recruiting.

The Career Exploration class, a two-credit course, is designed to help students choose majors and is a good option for students who are determined to graduate within a specified time frame, Evans said.

"If you are going to spend the time to find the right major, you might as well earn credit while you do it," she said.

The sooner you come into the Advisement Center the better, Evans said. The counselors can alleviate the stress of not knowing what the future holds, she said.

"The best thing about the open major advisement center is the information they have available," Chambers said.

"For someone who is new to the school and looking for answers, they are a great resource."

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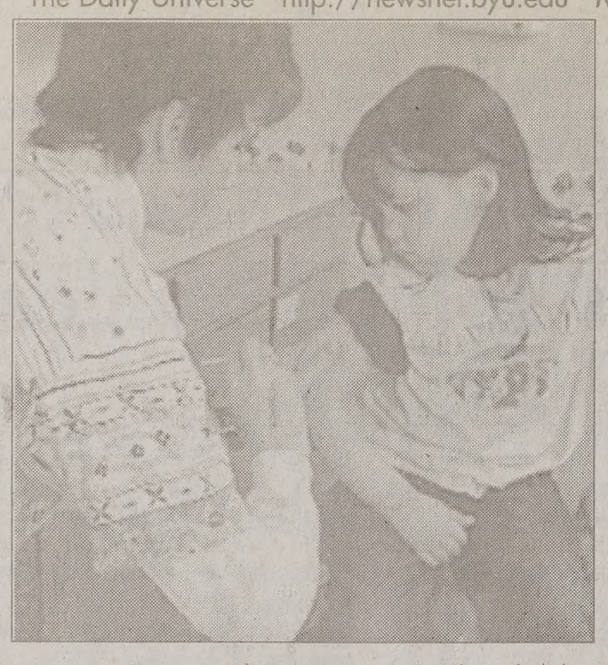

A girl gets a flu shot in preparation for the flu season at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Utah County Health Department's shipment was delayed, but has arrived.

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Vaccine made available in time for flu season

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Peak flu season is approaching, but luckily there is finally enough vaccine to go around, said Joseph K. Miner, director of the Utah County Health Department.

In October, the Utah County Health Department asked people to wait to get flu shots because of a delay in shipping. They are now providing flu shots to everyone, Miner said.

"After the original shipment covers the high risk, the rest is available to everyone else," Miner said.

Utah typically sees major flu outbreaks in February or March, Miner said, and waiting to get a flu shot can actually be beneficial.

"Immunizing in November and December should give people their best protection right as peak flu season is expected to hit."

It is important for individuals with diabetes, asthma, or chronic disease, along with children and elderly to get flu shots, said Lynette Frost, a registered nurse at the Health Center.

Getting a flu shot can also be important for people who are living in close quarters such as in the dorms, said Stacy Hansen, who works at the Immunization Hotline.

"You share each others desks. You live in dorm rooms. There's certainly more of a chance of getting the flu in a setting like that," Hansen said.

She also said the Olympics will create a higher risk of catching the flu since thousands of people will converge to the state.

Many people worry the flu vaccine will actually give them the flu. But Miner said this is not possible since the strain of flu used in the vaccine is dead.

Anyone looking for flu vaccines can go to the Health Department, 589 S. State St., during open clinics held weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Provo, Novell debut city Web site

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Provo has teamed up with the state and Novell to produce a new Web site featuring local businesses and organizations.

According to Mayor Lewis Billings, Provo is the first city in the state to produce a city Web site connected with the state site.

The new site is www.finditinprovo.com. Billings said the city decided launch this site because more and more people are shopping online.

"We're excited about the future of e-commerce," Billings said.

Also, since many Provo businesses aren't online, the city is losing sales to outside vendors.

In addition, the city doesn't get tax revenue from these outside online sources. But the city government wants to attract shoppers to Provo in order to build the tax base.

Mike Mower, director of community and government relations for the city said if the city can build revenue through sales, taxes would not have to be raised to fund city operations.

"Keep taxes low and services high by shopping here in Provo," Mower said.

He added that this site would be instrumental in stimulating shopping and jobs in the community.

Brent McCormick of Novell said according to an outside study, $13.3 billion could be lost by states to e-commerce in the coming years.

The losses come from individual city revenues that fund all essential city services, McCormick said.

He said right now www.finditinprovo.com houses more than 5,000 businesses plus all city offices.

The statewide Web site lists more than 120,000 businesses and organizations.

According to McCormick, any business or organization, including home businesses, can apply to be listed on the site.

The site also contains links to BYU Web sites.

Once at the site, users can search by name or by category to find the business of their choice.

Registered businesses can list not only their contact information, but can post coupons and promotional information on the site.

McCormick said since the site new, right now most of the ac tional content has not appeared the site.

He encouraged users to k checking back as businesses more information and pror tions.

Mower said a billboard ca paign advertising the new site debut Wednesday.

Mower encouraged the use this site both by Provo reside and those in surrounding com nities. He said users will find site to be very fast and u friendly.

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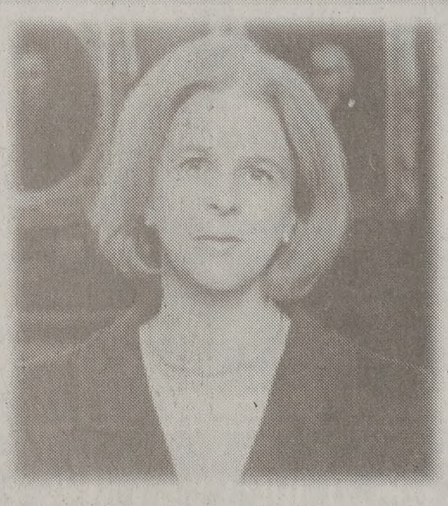


Elaine Pagels

Author, The Gnostic Gospels • *Professor* • *Scholar*

"Competing Views in Early Christianity: The Savior According to the Gospel of John and the Gospel of Thomas"

Growing up in a family of scientists, Elaine Pagels was taught that scientific discovery had made religion obsolete and irrelevant. Despite this early training—or perhaps because of it—Pagels is now one of the country's leading scholars of religion.

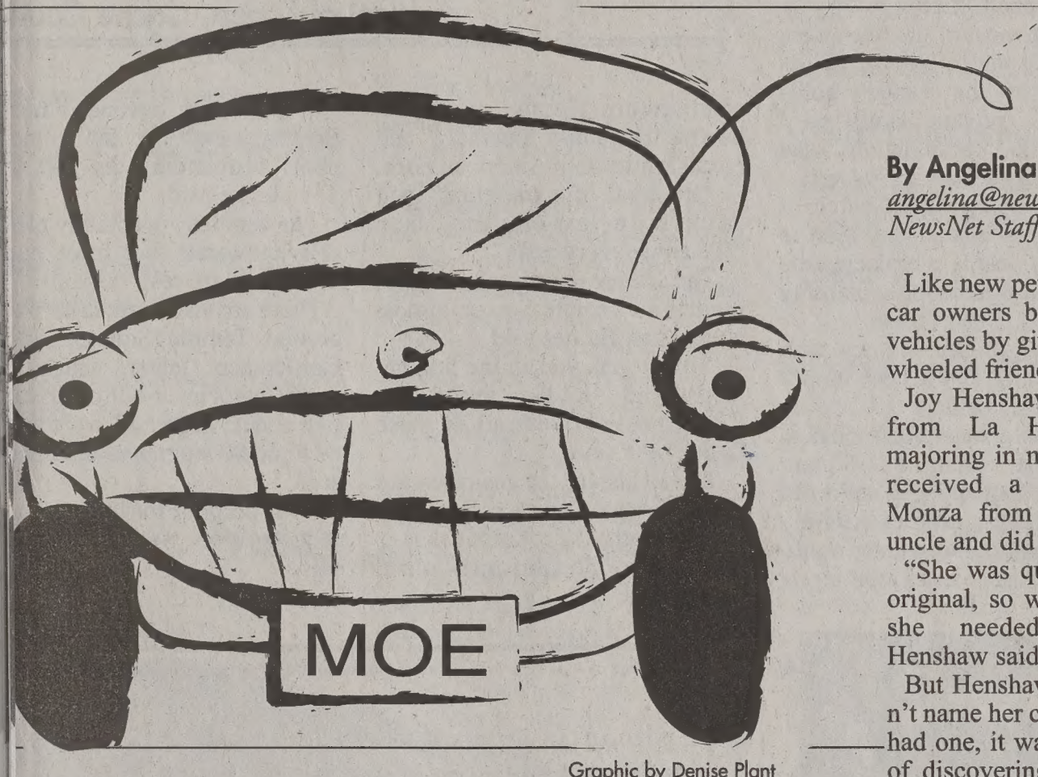
She earned a BA in history and an MA in classical studies from Stanford and a PhD with distinction from Harvard. She has taught at Barnard College, Columbia University, and currently is Harrington Spear Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton. Pagels gained international acclaim for her best-selling book *The Gnostic Gospels*, an analysis of 52 ancient manuscripts unearthed in Egypt in 1945. The manuscripts, known collectively as the *Nag Hammadi Library*, include many gospels and other writings previously unknown and demonstrate that the early Christian movement was far more diverse than previously thought. Her book won both the National Book of Critics Circle Award and the National Book Award.

In 1987 she lost her six-year-old son Mark to a respiratory disease. In the summer of 1988 her husband of twenty years, physicist Heinz Pagels, died in a rock climbing accident. Pagels says that following these events, like many people who grieve, she had a sense of living with invisible presences. After these two tragic events in her life, Pagels wrote her most recent book, *The Origin of Satan*, which sketches the development of Jewish and Christian perceptions of evil.

Elaine Pagels lives in Princeton, New Jersey, with her husband Kent Greenawalt, a professor at Columbia University. She has two children from her first marriage and three stepsons.

A question-and-answer session will be held at 12 noon in the Cougar Room.

Car naming yields bonds between man and steel



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Like new pet-owners, some car owners bond with their vehicles by giving their four-wheeled friends names.

Joy Henshaw, 20, a junior from La Habra, Calif., majoring in math education, received a 1978 Chevy Monza from her aunt and uncle and did just this.

"She was quite the unique original, so we decided that she needed a name," Henshaw said.

But Henshaw said she didn't name her car — it already had one, it was just a matter of discovering what it was, she said.

Henshaw said she tried several names, but her car behaved best when she called it Gertrude.

This is how she knew she had found the right name, she said.

Kimberlee Smith, 19, a sophomore from Tulsa, Okla., majoring in French, said her family has a truck named Delilah.

Smith said the truck was named by an elder serving in their ward who drove a mission car dubbed Samson.

The missionaries would always park their car next to the family's truck in the church parking lot, hence the Samson and Delilah combination, Smith said.

If Delilah wouldn't start, the family would sweetly coax her, she said.

"If I have trouble changing gears, I say she must be mad at me," Smith said.

Chris Evans, 24, a senior from San Jose, Calif., majoring in elementary education, said a car owner must first develop a relationship and a history with the vehicle before naming it.

Evans said sometimes, events that occur within a vehicle can create a bond between the car and its owner.

"My car, Celeste, has already seen some ugliness," he said. "It was in that very car that I broke up with my girlfriend."

Another important part of the car-owner relationship is mutual trust, Evans said.

"Everyone says, 'I don't know if I can trust this car,' but the question is, can the car trust you?" Evans said.

According to Evans, the golden rule applies to vehicles, too.

"Take care of it, feed it, nurture it, say nice things to it, treat it like a person," he said.

In return, he said, the car will perform as the owner directs.

"Once you name a car, it becomes part of you. You're no longer driving a stranger's car," Evans said.

ilms roll t festival his week

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ghts, camera, action!

mbers of The Church of s Christ of Latter-day Saints have the opportunity to vcase their films at the first Film Festival.

e film festival will premiere e Provo Theatre Company on sday.

ristian Vuissu, 32, a senior Bregenz, Austria majoring lm, is the founder of LDS the nonprofit organization soring the film festival.

organized the LDS Film ival in order to create an t at which film artists, who members of the church, can and share ideas," Vuissu

e film festival will show the films up for awards in the ia, comedy, animation, experetal and documentary cates.

e festival will run through rday, with a panel discussion iring local filmmakers and ciates taking place on day, he said.

e theme for the panel discus- is, "Serving Two Masters: tuality and Commerce in Cinema," Vuissu said.

said of the 70 films submito the selection committee, than half of the entries were itted by BYU students and ni.

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emburger is working on a , which he will present at the festival.

e paper will discuss whether an LDS people are willing seen as a three-dimensional e," he said.

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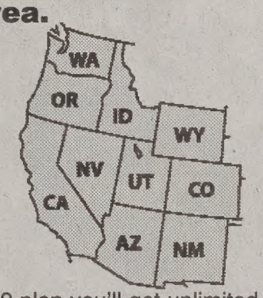

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On Friday, the Christmas lights on Temple Square made its debut. The lights will stay on until the end of the Olympics.

Temple Square lights' stay extended

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be joining the list of Christmas enthusiasts who like to keep their lights up well past New Year's Day.

The Christmas lights on Temple Square, which were turned on for the first time this holiday season on Friday, will be turned on each evening until the end of the 2002 Winter Olympics in February, said Peter Lassig, the head gardener for Temple Square.

Several displays and even the colors of the lights have been changed to make a more attractive display for tourists who will be visiting Salt Lake City in the coming months, he said.

"We've done them (the trees) in colors that will be acceptable in any time of year," he said. "We have a large amount of snow and clear bulbs, but not as much red, green and gold."

The color changes were meant to appeal to both Christmas and Olympic visitors, but some people were sad to see some of their favorite colors from past displays disappear.

"Pink's my favorite and it's not here," said Dorrie Barnes from Logan, Cache County.

Although most of the trees were not lit with the traditional colors of Christmas, the oranges, golds and whites predominantly used are beautiful combinations, she said.

Another change the Church of Jesus Christ made on Temple Square this year was replacing the 35-year-old figures in the nativity scene.

"We've got new figures with clean clothing and a new soundtrack," Lassig said.

One thing that didn't change about the Temple Square Christmas display is its ability to attract families, even on a chilly and somewhat rainy winter night.

"Just doing a family outing is what excites me the most, just having the family together," said Sarah Smith from American Fork.

"It's kind of a tradition," said Smith's 16-year-old son Nate. "We come every year."

The Barnes family also makes the trip to Temple Square almost every year, Barnes said.

"It just gets you in the holiday spirit and in the mood for Christmas time with all of these lights," she said.

The lights are the main feature of the Temple Square display, but there are other decorations that help add to the Christmas spirit, Lassig said.

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> — Dorrie Barne
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There are several thousa floating candles in the reflect pools surrounding the Salt La Temple, he said.

The candles are actually elec cally powered, but most peo think they are real, he said.

There are also luminarias plac around Temple Square and Conference Center, which h words associated with Christm like peace, hope and joy, trans ed into 180 languages on them. said.

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Men's basketball outshines Sun Devils

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> "I was most proud of the way the team competed for all 40 minutes."
> —Steve Cleveland

Thanksgiving dinner didn't slow the men's basketball team down, as the Cougars beat the Arizona State Sun Devils 82-70 Saturday in the Marriott Center.

The Cougars avenged last year's loss in Tempe, and kept a 21-game home winning streak alive.

Mark Bigelow led BYU in scoring with 31 points. Teammate Eric Nielsen had 19 points, and Travis Hansen finished with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

"My competitiveness has really come back since my mission in playing these games," Bigelow said.

The Cougars jumped out to a 12-2 lead to start the game. ASU rallied after a timeout, scoring 10 straight points to tie the game.

The lead changed hands several times throughout the first half. The Cougars struggled to get any offense when Eric Nielsen and Travis Hansen both went to the bench with two fouls each midway through the first half.

ASU, however, allowed the Cougars to stay in the game, with leading scorers Chad Prewitt and Tommy Smith picking up three fouls each and going to the bench.

The Cougars built a lead by outrebounding the Sun Devils 22-12, and by hitting five three-pointers in the first half.

The Cougars' largest lead of the first half came on a Mark Bigelow three-pointer at the buzzer to take a 37-29 lead into the locker room.

ASU started playing the pressure defense the team is known for in the second half. The Sun Devils had two quick steals and took them in for easy layups to start the second half.

Bigelow kept the heat on the Sun Devils in the second half by scoring seven straight points for the Cougars.

Travis Hansen sparked the team with his play in the second half of the game. Hansen played most of the second half with three personal fouls. He hit a crucial three-pointer with 12:15 remaining to give the Cougars a 57-47 lead.

"I was most proud of the way the team competed for all 40 minutes," said head coach Steve Cleveland.

The Cougars competed by outrebounding the Sun Devils 46-26.

ASU was unable to get closer than five points in the second half. BYU hit key free throws down the stretch to secure the victory.

"It is just one game, and we need to continue to improve," Cleveland said.

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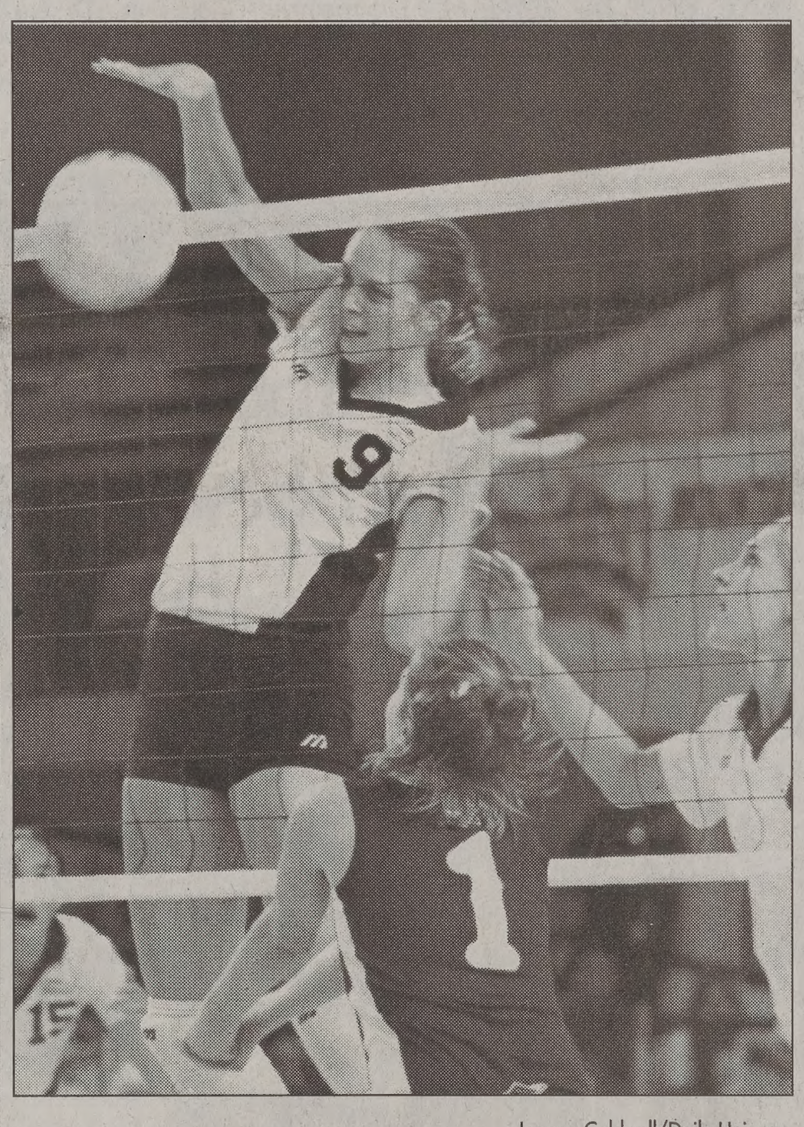
BYU guard Daniel Bobik plows through two Arizona State defenders in the game Saturday night. The Cougars won the game 82-70.

Women's volleyball settles for weekend split



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BYU middle blocker Nina Puikkonen spikes the ball against Wyoming in the MWC championships Nov. 15. BYU split its games in the Long Beach Thanksgiving Invitational.

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In post-holiday play at the Long Beach Thanksgiving Invitational, the BYU women's volleyball team got off to a running start as it defeated Cal Poly 28-30, 30-20, 25-30, 30-25, 15-7 Friday, but lost to No. 1 Long Beach State 22-30, 30-25, 24-30, 28-30 Saturday.

After a disappointing regular season, BYU had an opportunity to shake up the national women's volleyball scene if it would defeat Long Beach State University. As has been the case in numerous games this year, the Cougars fought hard, but came up short.

"We played very tough, but we made too many errors," said Elaine Michaelis, BYU women's volleyball coach. "We outblocked them and both teams played some great defense, but their experience showed on the court."

In a competitive match, BYU closed out the second game against Long Beach State University with a dominating 11-4 run. The Cougars' win in game two ended the 49ers' 41-game winning streak, the seventh-longest single season streak in NCAA history.

BYU had a chance to extend the match to a fifth game, but hit the ball out of bounds, with Long Beach State University leading 29-28, to lose the match.

BYU freshman outside hitter Lauren Richards had a big night, leading the Cougars with a career-high 20 kills and a 0.326 attack percentage.

Long Beach State University was led by its national player of the year canidate, senior middle blocker Cheryl Weaver, who had 22 kills, seven digs and six blocks with an enormous 0.531 attack percentage.

Coming off a career night, BYU senior All-American middle blocker Nina Puikkonen had 11 kills, but she struggled with 12 hitting errors in compiling an 0.027 attack percentage.

The win boosts the 49ers' perfect record to 28-0, and Long Beach State University continues to stand as the only unbeaten team in Division I women's volleyball.

In earlier action Friday, the Cougars defeated a predictably fiesty Cal Poly team. What the Mustangs lacked in talent, they more than made up for in effort.

As far as numbers go, BYU had a distinct advantage over Cal Poly. The Cougars had 102 digs to the Mustangs' 70, and had 87 kills compared to 60 Mustang kills.

Puikkonen was stellar against Cal Poly in willing her team to the win.

She had her fourth career triple-double, compiling career highs with 32 kills and 20 digs, and a season-high 11 blocks with a 0.518 attack percentage.

"Nina put us on her shoulders and carried us," Michaelis said. "She was phenomenal all the way around."

BYU right side hitter Sunny Mahe scored a double-double with 16 kills and 19 digs and attained an 0.267 attack percentage.

"We played good defense," Michaelis said. "Cal Poly is a good scrappy team. Jackie (Bundy) was sick so she wasn't able to do what she normally does, but she played well on the back row. Sunny played a solid match."

With the close of their regular season, the Cougars stand at 20-8. Under the direction of Michaelis, BYU has earned its 28th consecutive winning season.

Adding to her many achievements, Puikkonen was recognized for her accomplishments off the court.

A zoology major carrying a 3.44 grade point average, Puikkonen was recently selected to the Verizon Academic District VIII Women's Volleyball Second Team. This is the second time she has been selected to the team, after being selected to the third team last year.

Currently ranked 20th nationally — their lowest ranking of the season — the Cougars will seek an extension for their season.

The Cougars hope to gain an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament, which starts this weekend. BYU has appeared in 19 of the past 20 NCAA tournaments, including the past 11 years in a row.

The tournament bracket will be announced today.

Resort teaches kids to ski

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Although the snow is just beginning to fall, the Park City Mountain Resort plans on teaching approximately 4,000 Utah kids how to ski or snowboard during the season.

Hilarie Sedgwick, the resort's communications coordinator, said this season's Legacy Ski & Ride Program will begin a week later than planned, delayed due to a late snowfall, but will still provide free lessons that it promised to the kids who have already registered.

The program, in its third year of existence, was established to teach Utah kids how to ski and/or snowboard, so as to be more familiar with these sports once the Olympics roll around in February.

Sedgwick said only seven percent of Utahns ski or snowboard, which isn't good for the state with "The Greatest Snow on Earth."

So far, 10,000 kids have been tutored on the resort's slopes over the past three years. Olympic sponsors such as Coca-Cola and Kodak make the program financially possible. The resort provides the venue and instruction.

"We know that the first time on skis or a snowboard can be an intimidating experience for some," said Mary Flinn, the Resort's Kids' Mountain School manager and supervisor of the program.

"By paying attention to every detail and hand-holding the children through the process, we hope to make to make their first experience on snow much more enjoyable, so they'll want to continue in snow sports," Flinn said.

The program even allows for the participants to come back and ski with their family at a discount.

According to Sedgwick, over the past two years, 40 percent of the participants have come back with their families, and 25 percent have bought the discounted passes.

"Experiencing winter sports firsthand is the best way, I believe, for kids to truly feel a part of the action in 2002," said Vern Greco, president and general manager of the resort.

Football team falls to No. 10

Associated Press

Thanks to a series of upsets over the weekend, BYU fell one spot in the AP media poll to No. 10, threatening the team's chances for a BCS bowl bid.

Losses for Nebraska and Oklahoma turned into big gains for Florida, Texas, Oregon and Tennessee.

While Miami (10-0) was a near-unanimous choice at No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday, Florida moved up to No. 2, Texas to No. 3, Oregon to No. 4 and Tennessee to No. 5.

Nebraska (11-1), beaten by Colorado 62-36 on Friday, fell four spots to No. 6, while Oklahoma tumbled seven places to No. 11 after its 16-13 loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

The Hurricanes, who close out the regular season on Saturday at Virginia Tech, collected 71 first-place votes and 1,799 points from the 72 sportswriters and broadcasters on the AP panel.

Miami defeated Washington 65-7 on Saturday, dropping the Huskies (8-3) seven places to No. 19.

The Gators (9-1), off over the weekend, received the remaining first-place vote and 1,716 points. Florida plays host to Tennessee (9-1), with the winner advancing to the Southeastern Conference title game.

Texas (10-1) moved up two places following its 21-7 win over Texas A&M, and advanced to Saturday's Big 12 Conference title game against Colorado. The Buffaloes (9-2) improved five spots to No. 9 after their big win over the Huskers.

Oregon (9-1) did not play, but closes the regular season on Saturday against Oregon State. Tennessee defeated Vanderbilt 38-0 on Saturday.

After Nebraska, Atlantic Coast Conference champion Maryland (10-1) was No. 7, followed by Big Ten champ Illinois (10-1), Colorado and No. 10 BYU (11-0).

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, the top five were Miami, Florida, Texas, Tennessee and Oregon. BYU was tied with Maryland at No. 7.

The Hurricanes and Gators are expected to be first and second in the Bowl Championship Series standings today. Nebraska was first and Miami second last week, with Florida fourth behind Oklahoma.

The final BCS standings on Dec. 9 determine which teams will play for a national title in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3.

The standings are based on a formula that includes the AP media and coaches' polls, eight computers, strength of schedule, won-lost record and bonus points for big wins.

Oklahoma was No. 11 in the AP poll, followed by No. 12 Stanford, No. 13 Washington State, No. 14 Virginia Tech, No. 15.

South Carolina, No. 16 Georgia, No. 17 Michigan, No. 18 Syracuse, No. 19 Washington and No. 20 Marshall rounded out the top 20.

Fresno State was No. 21, followed by No. 22 LSU, No. 23 Ohio State. No. 24 Louisville and No. 25 Auburn.

Michigan, 26-20 losers to Ohio State, fell six places.

LSU, Ohio State and Auburn returned to the Top 25, while Georgia Tech, Arkansas and Boston College dropped out.

Women hoopsters cruise to victory

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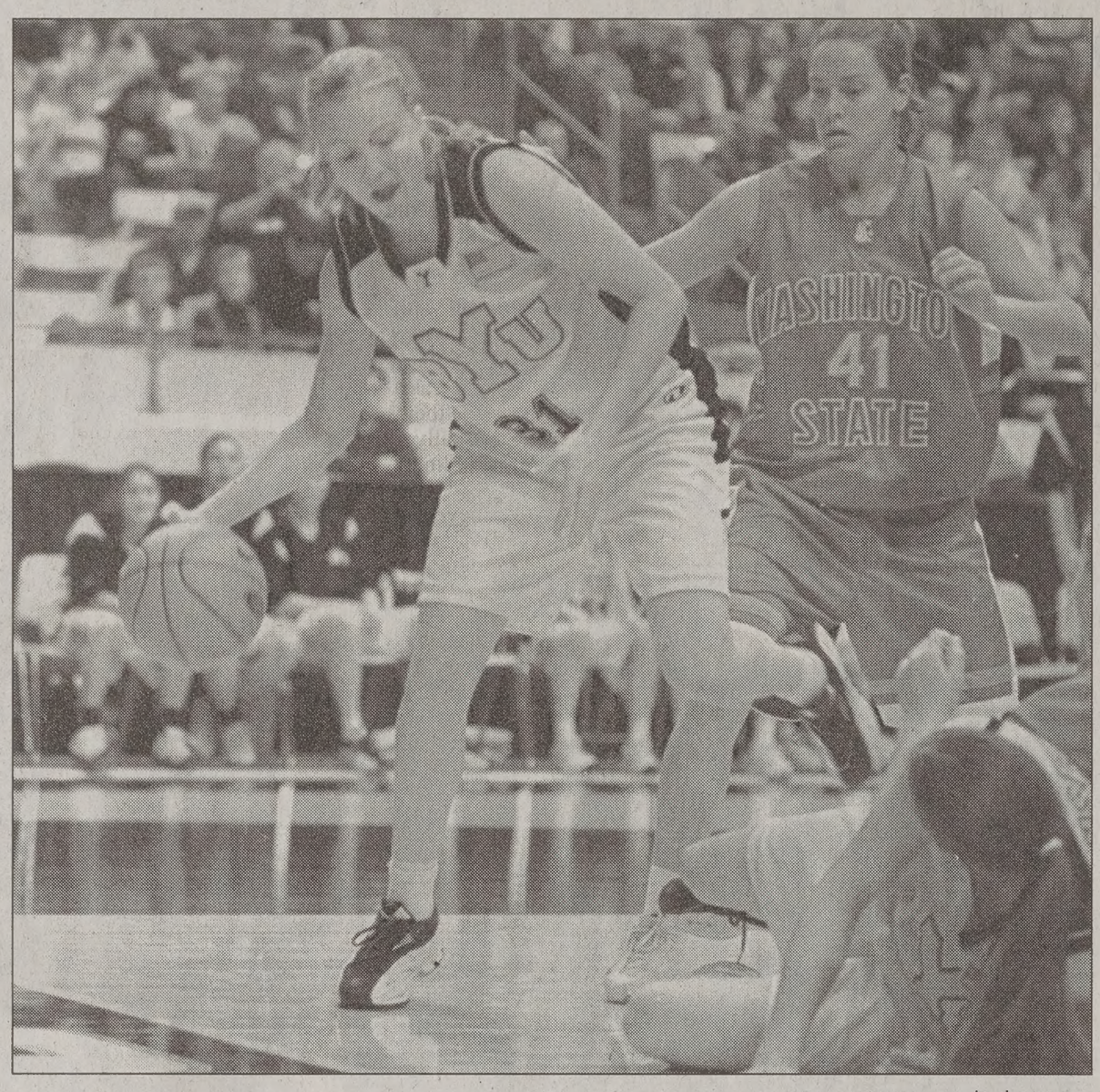

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BYU forward Lisa Osguthorpe managaes to keep her grip on the ball and remain inbounds during the game against Washington State on Saturday. The Cougars defeated Washington State 94-67.

It was raining three-pointers in the Marriott Center on Saturday, as the BYU women's basketball team defeated the Washington State Cougars 94-67.

BYU's 13 three-pointers accounted for more than a third of the team's 94 points.

The win puts the Cougars at 2-1 for the season.

After coming off their first loss of the season against the Texas Longhorns (90-74), the Cougars returned to Provo intent on not making the same mistake twice.

"Something that really hurt us in the Texas game was that they came out with a lot of intensity, and we didn't handle it very well," said head coach Jeff Judkins. "Secondly, we did a better job not letting people beat us off the drive."

The Cougars led at the half 49-26, with 11 fouls and 17 rebounds.

The team also gave fans a reason to cheer in the second half, when the Cougars ran on the floor with high intensity and fast-paced offense.

Senior Lisa Osguthorpe started the half with a trey, followed by back-to-back transition points by junior Erin Thorn.

BYU's top scorers included Thorn, who finished the game with 21 points and five assists, while Danielle Cheesman added 15 points.

Judkins said he was pleased with the defensive effort of his team.

"I think when you play hard defense, the offense will come," Judkins said.

Washington State struggled early on, committing 23 turnovers in the game compared to BYU's 16.

Size was also an issue for the Washington State team. The BYU Cougars dwarfed Washington State, creating turnovers and giving BYU an advantage on the boards.

Washington State's head coach Jenny Przekwas said inexperience was the main problem for her team.

"Our biggest issue is that we are just playing a lot of inexperienced players who are having the school of hard knocks," Przekwas said. "BYU did a great job with their shooting percentage but I also think they sensed a lot of uncertainty from our defense."

BYU took advantage of Washington State's defense with its perimeter game, shooting 68.4 percent from the arc.

Guard Stacy Jensen said her focus was to help her teammates get easy shots while adding pressure to the Washington State offense.

"We are more improved. There are more veteran players that know exactly where to be and help the younger players get where we need to be," Jensen said. "I think we are coming along."

Overall Judkins was satisfied with his team's effort.

"If they keep playing like this, I'm going to be a happy camper," Judkins said.

BYU travels to California Tuesday to take on the UCLA Bruins.

Tip-off is 7 p.m. PST at the Pauley Pavilion.

Intramural players serious about Frisbee

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> "Within the next 12 to 15 years, I belive ultimate Frisbee will be an Olympic sport.
> —Don Clark
> Buck Toothed Swans captain

Two flocks of BYU Frisbee-crazed fanatics, the Buck Toothed Swans and the Ugly Ducklings, are rivals on the field but united in furthering the ultimate Frisbee cause.

The Buck Toothed Swans have been squabbling with the competition on BYU intramural fields for over six years. This year, the Swans advanced through the inramural tournament undefeated, said Aaron Miller, a handler for the Swans.

Legend has it that a man named "Dow" started the Buck Toothed Swans. To this day, the team shows its allegiance to the legendary Frisbee player by wearing game shirts with the printed words "Disciples of Dow," Miller said.

Hoping to further the sport of ultimate Frisbee by training new players, as well as creating additional playing time for Swan athletes, the leaders split the team this season, forming the Ugly Ducklings, Miller said.

The Buck Toothed Swans easily handled their Frisbee friends, the Ugly Ducklings, in a game earlier in the intramural season, Miller said.

The Buck Toothed Swans played in Washington at the UPA Northwest Regional Championships on Oct. 6. At the championships, a team made up of a combination of players from both the Ducklings and the Swans won one of three games against the world-class competition, said Don Clark, team captain for the Swans.

These ultimate Frisbee players have plans this spring to travel to tournaments in San Diego, Colorado, Idaho and Oregon, Clark said.

The Buck Toothed Swans knocked off the Colorado School of Mines, a top-ranked univers club team, at a tournament ear this month, Clark said.

A former player of the Buck Tooth Swans, Adam Tay organized the team . D Continued, for the intramu tournament.

For additional playing time a an opportunity to coach new pl ers, Taylor opted to start D Continued, Taylor said.

"Besides my wife, school church, ultimate (Frisbee) is that I think about," Miller s "It's kind of embarrassing."

Taylor, Clark and Miller h teamed up to form a BYU "di club. The club was created instruct and compete with ot Frisbee enthusiasts, practicing DT Field three days a week, Cl said.

These Frisbee players — leaders of the disc club — sp sor occasional Frisbee clin teaching throwing techniques other individual skills, he said

The club also organizes hat t naments, in which a day of u mate Frisbee games are pla with teams randomly chosen of a hat, Clark said.

"Within the next 12 to 15 yea believe ultimate Frisbee will an Olympic sport," Clark said

The "Disciples of Dow" h someday that ultimate Fris will be more than just an intra ral game, but a sport sponsored BYU, Clark said.

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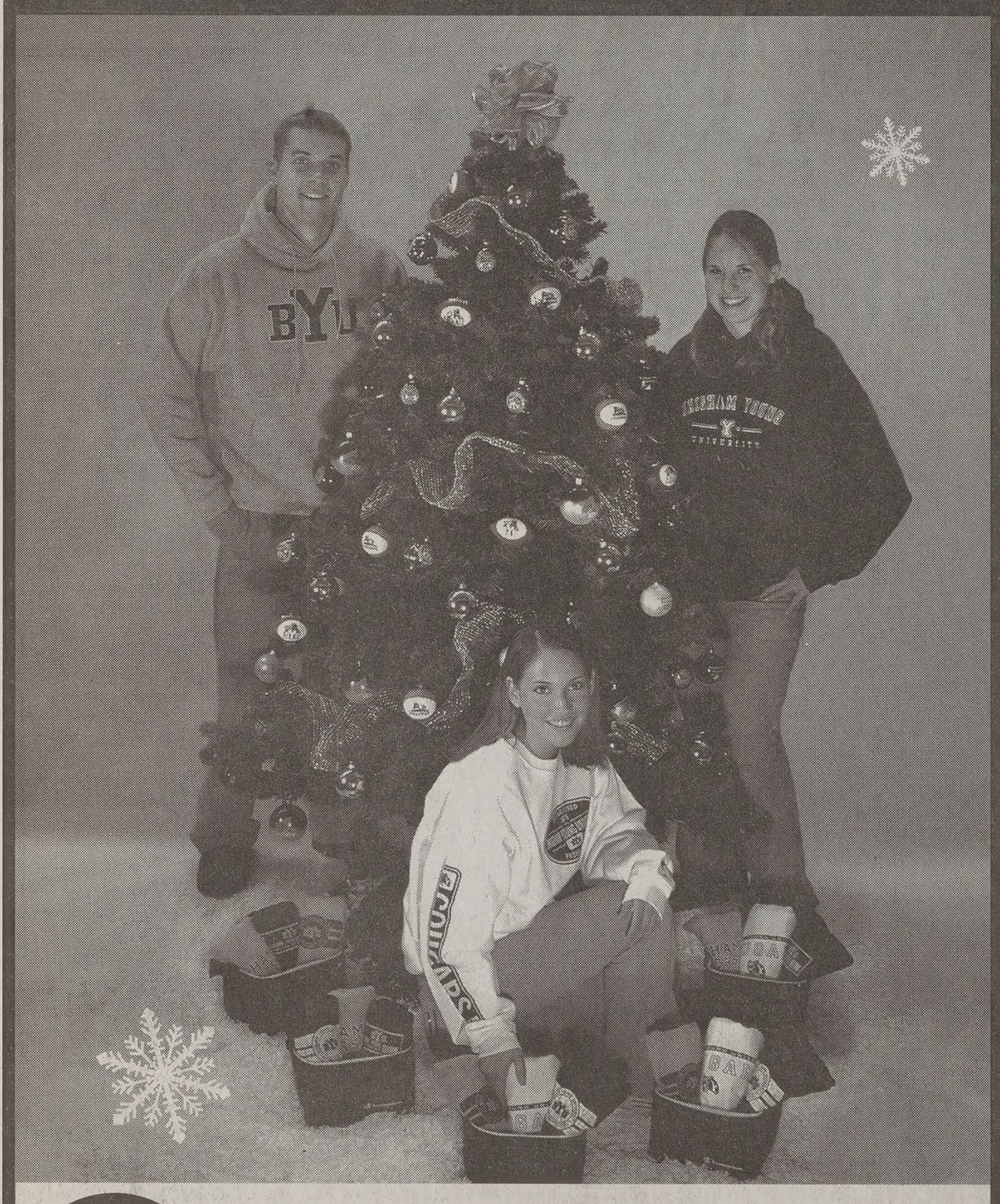

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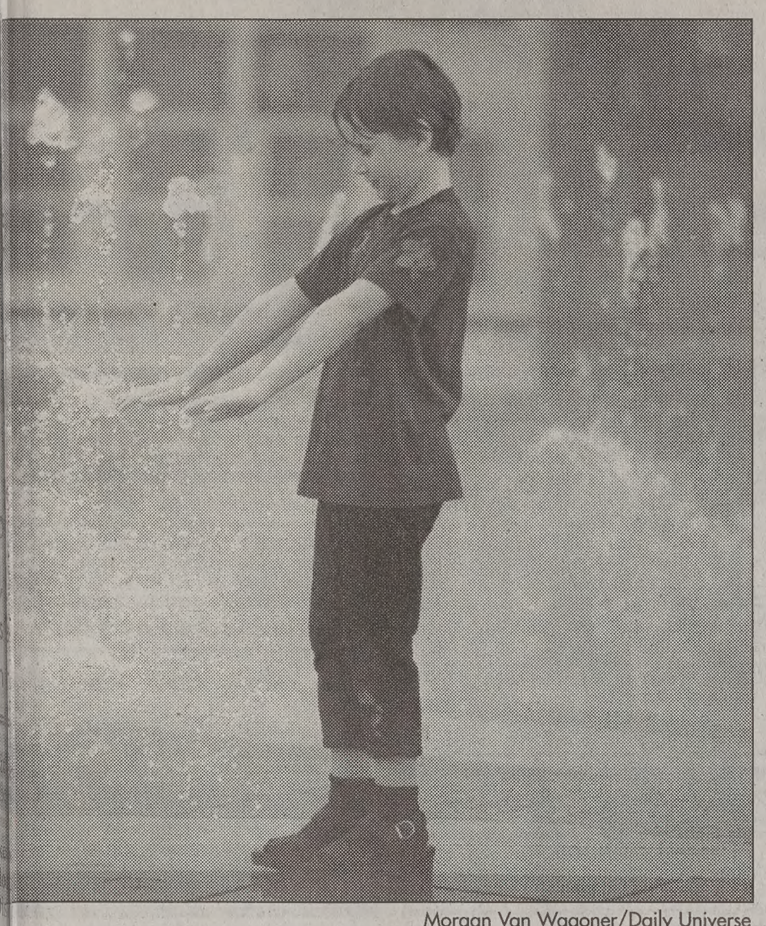

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hi Williams plays in the fountain at The Gateway shopping ter while her parents shopped in nearby stores. The day after nksgiving is usually the biggest shopping day of the year.

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The recent downturn in the economy did not slow down spending in Utah Valley on the biggest shopping day of the year.

Despite the sluggish post-Sept. 11 economy, shoppers turned out Friday for the day-after Thanksgiving kickoff of holiday shopping.

That left retailers pleasantly surprised.

"People don't seem to be as worried as we thought they were," said Dan Armstrong, human resource manager at the Sears in the Provo Towne Center Mall and a BYU senior. "Things look good for the holiday season."

Armstrong's store experienced a 2.9 percent increase from last year's day-after Thanksgiving sales.

His store was not alone.

Several local retailers experienced a surprising increase in sales from last year.

"We did better than we ever had," said Kim Becker, store team leader at Super Target in Orem.

The Orem Super Target, which has been open for five years, had its highest day-after Thanksgiving sales in its history, she said.

"We exceeded our sales forecast by 12 percent," Becker said.

At the Wal-Mart in Orem, sales were down a little from last year, said Kyle Rigby, the store's co-manager. However, the store still had the year's biggest turnout.

Doors opened at 6 a.m. to about 3,500 shoppers looking for bargains, he said.

"We sold out of almost everything," Rigby said.

Consumers feel the pressure to buy during the holiday season, said Rick Matthews, manager of the children's department at the JC Penney at Provo Towne Center Mall.

"There's a definite downturn in the economy," Matthews said. "But you've still got to buy Christmas gifts."

Sales at his store also increased from the previous year. Matthews attributes the increase partially to JC Penney offering a credit line to its customers.

"People buy where they have credit cards," he said. "Having your own credit card definitely helps you as a retailer."

While after-Thanksgiving sales were encouraging, Becker said the spending doesn't represent Utah County's current economy, which has been battered by layoffs at Novell and Geneva Steel.

> "We can't be depressed forever."
> —Mark Stubbs, Dillards manager

This will eventually impact the retail industry, Becker said.

But so far, consumers are not holding back this holiday season.

Sales that were down in September and October have begun to rebound in November, said Mark Stubbs, the assistant store manager at Provo Towne Center's Dillards. Consumers are beginning to move past the Sept. 11 tragedies, Stubbs said. "We can't be depressed forever," he said.

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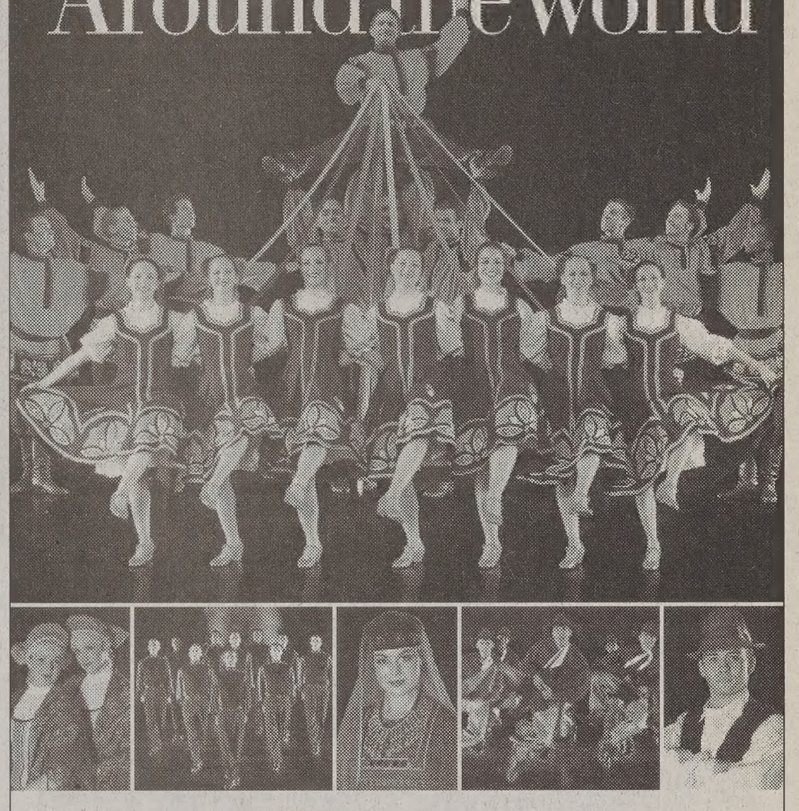

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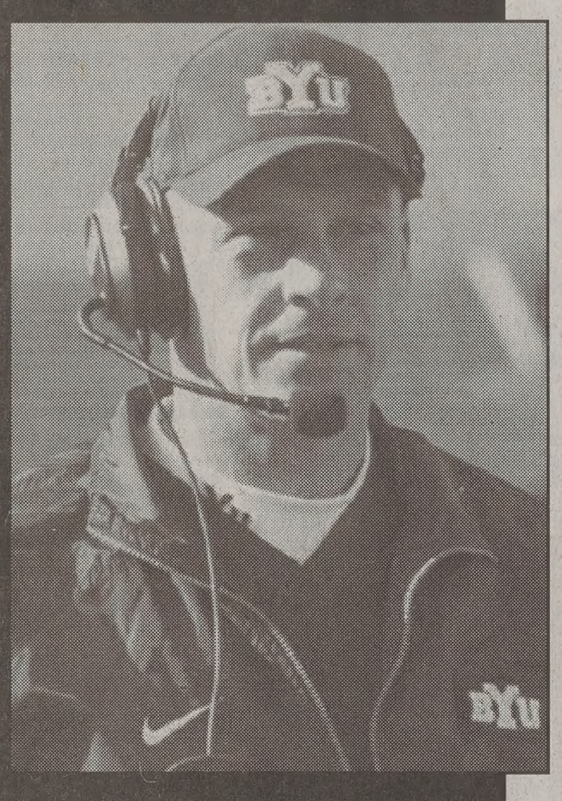

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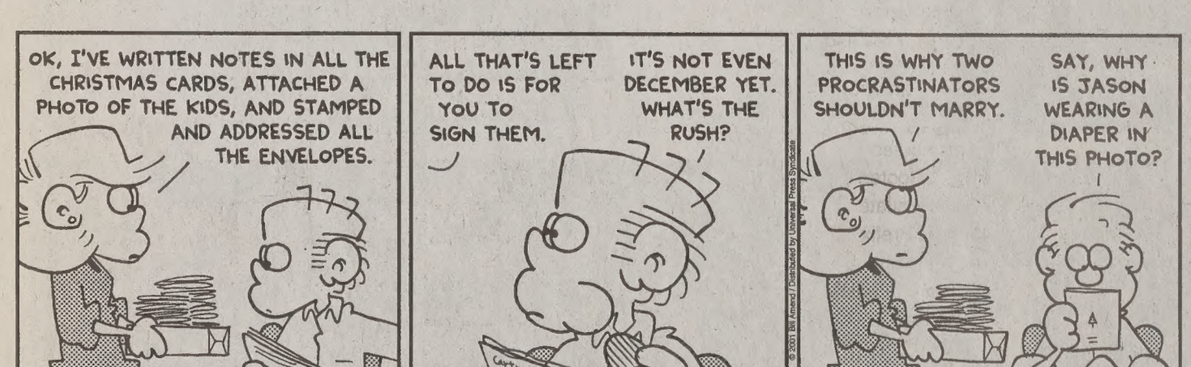
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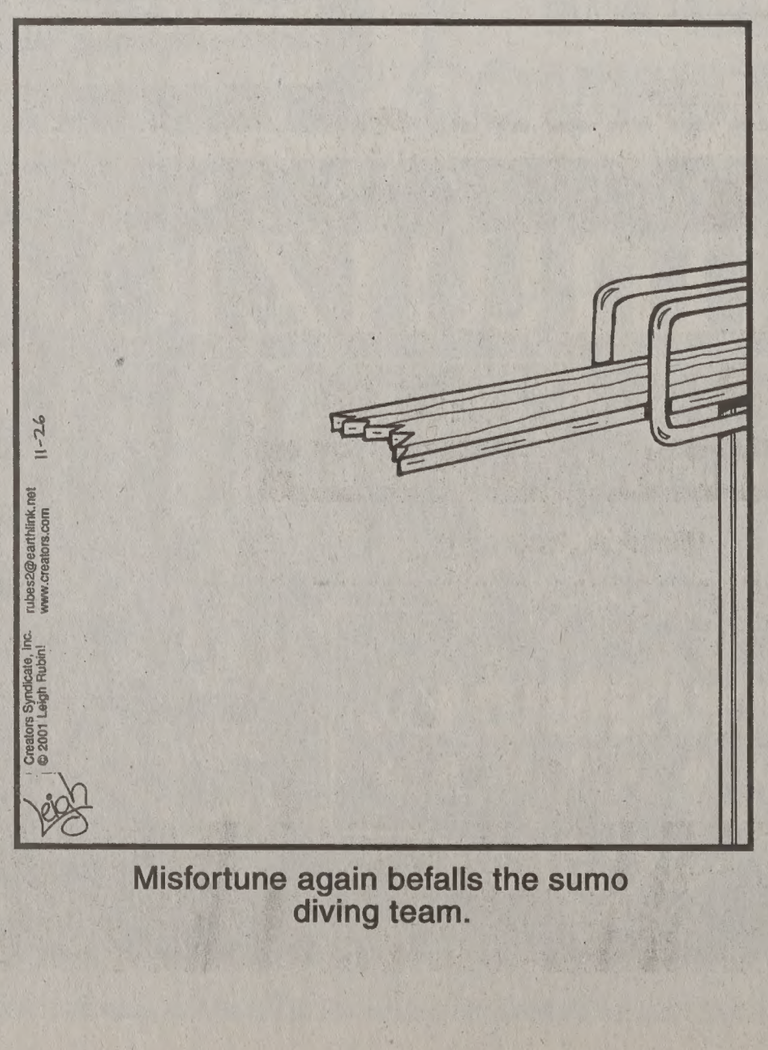

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Falling snow fuels local resorts

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It's feast or famine for Utah area mountains.

As many BYU students broke for the Thanksgiving holidays, the warm month of November was void of precipitation, and the bare mountains surrounding campus were a bitter symbol to antsy skiers and snowboarders.

In an incredible turn of events though, Thanksgiving in Utah was a time for turkey, family, football and a sudden barrage of winter storms.

Since Thanksgiving Day, Utah's mountains have been blanketed with two to five feet of snow, according to skiutah.com.

Resorts including Park City, The Canyons, Snowbird and Brighton cked their seasons off over the weekend, to the delight of impatient patrons.

Park City opened Saturday as skiers and snowboarders packed the few runs that were open.

"I'm really happy that they've finally opened," said Cory Stonehocker, 22, from Chicago majoring in economics.

He said he hoped the resorts would open sooner, but he was content with the raw conditions.

"It's all right," Stonehocker said, as he tightened his snowboard boots. "It's sort of icy, and it's snowing, so it's hard to see."

The falling snow was accompanied by a cutting wind that made conditions less than ideal.

But skiers and snowboarders stood patiently in line, under the diligent hum of snowmaking machines.

While many winter sports enthusiasts nervously clamored for snow to fall, and resorts to open, it was the resorts that took everything in stride.

"It's not too far from normal," said Bonnie Crail, vice president of marketing for Park City. "We get most of the heavy snow at the end of the month anyway."

Park City usually targets mid-November as an opening date, and this year it's only a week later than expected, she said.

This year Thanksgiving was a week earlier, and so people had a skewed interpretation of when resorts should open, Crail said.

Similarly, next door at Deer Valley, they were not concerned with the lingering warm weather.

"This is pretty normal," said Scott Cote, Hardware Goods Manager of Jan's Mountain Outfitters at Deer Valley. "Deer Valley usually targets the first Saturday in December to open, and this year it's Dec. 8."

Cote has been at Deer Valley for 24 years, and opening before Thanksgiving is not as important as some may make it out to be, he said.

"We aren't even officially open, but we're here to set-up today, and we thought we'd leave the doors open so people could come in and buy things if they wanted to," Cote said.

Walking along Main Street in Park City on Saturday was an exercise in patience, as snow fell and the sidewalks bustled with people. Restaurants were visibly busy as people ducked in to avoid the sudden cold and snowfall.

It was business as usual for sporting goods stores in Salt Lake City.

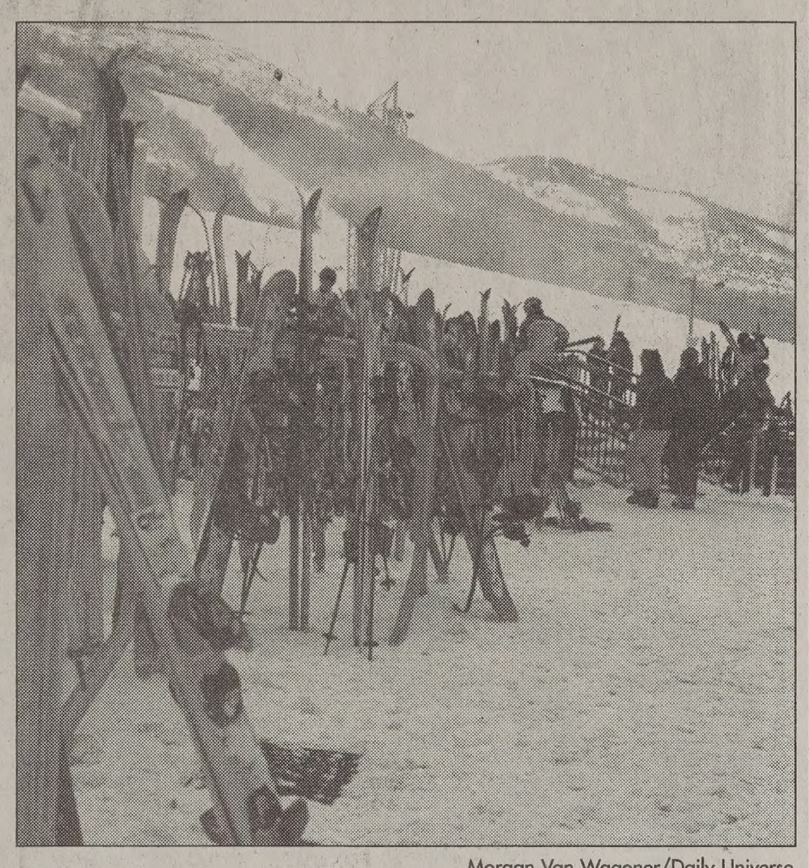
The Sports Den at Foothill Village was teeming with anxious people in search of clothing and equipment, while many customers filed back into the store to return their rentals.

"When it snows it turns people's mindset into winter things," said Mark Gardner, owner of Sports Den. "It takes a catalyst to change the mindset, and snow does that for people in Utah."

There might have been a false notion regarding the lack of snow, but Gardner said while last year might have been an aberration, this year is pretty much normal. Sales, while down from last year, have improved from two years ago.

This past season was a blessing of sorts for winter sports, and Gardner realizes that.

"When you have years like that, you have to take those years, and say 'thank you,' and move on," he said.



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Skis and snowboards line the base of Park City's main slope as recent snowfall blanketed the area. Resorts opened on Saturday.

Springville to host new art center

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One of Springville's oldest buildings is being reconstructed with the intent to make a new art center for Utah County.

The Incredible Journey Arts Foundation of Springville plans to open the H.T. Roberts Building for art classes and an art studio after its completion.

"It's pretty exciting," said Lantz Allen, director of the Gary Price studio in Springville. Price is the artist who donated the H.T. Roberts Building to the foundation.

BYU students may be familiar with Price's life-sized sculptures often depicting children in various activities.

"The task before us is to turn the dream into reality," Price said in a news release.

"What we hope to accomplish is to have a place where art can be taught, studied and practiced in a supportive environment," said Daniel Bolz, director of the Incredible Journey Arts Foundation.

Bolz also said the foundation hopes to encourage the development of art in Springville, often termed "art city." Springville already features an art museum and many bronze sculptures at various locations around the city center.

Located on the corner of 200 South and Main Street in Springville and erected in 1892, the H.T. Roberts building first served as Springville's mercantile center.

On the first floor of the building, residents could buy clothing, dishes, hardware and raw goods, while the second floor primarily featured furniture. The third floor served as Springville's social gathering place and dance hall.

Price and his wife, Lanea, bought the building in 1996 with the intent of making it a center for the arts. As of a few years ago, Price uses the third floor as his art studio.

After the reconstruction of the building, the first floor of the building will serve as a 1,500 square-foot art gallery primarily featuring Price's works, although other local artists will be invited to display their own works in the gallery. The second floor of the building will be divided into classrooms for various art classes.

Lantz Allen said the foundation hopes to supplement the art curriculum of the public school systems with the new classes. Allen said the art programs in public schools are often inadequate because of the lack of funding.

The new plan will feature a variety of different art styles and media, including sculpture, painting and pottery.

"The project will give (visitors) the chance to experience art in many different forms," Allen said. "They will get to see a real, professional artist at work."

Wind power may energize Utah

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In the wake of the summer's energy crisis, the U.S. Department of Energy and the state of Utah believe wind power should be an important part of the state's power resources.

Several states in the western United States have already installed wind turbines.

California has been using wind power widely to get through its energy crisis. Colorado, Wyoming and Utah have all been constructing new wind turbines.

"Wind power is extremely competitive today. The wind potential of California and neighborhood states is vast," said Randall Swisher, an executive director of the American Wind Energy Association.

"Renewable, clean, pollution-free energy sources would help preserve fresh air and conserve natural resources, said Sarah Write, coordinator of Utah Wind Power Control.

"Technological improvements of wind turbines are another reason to drive up use of wind power. Wind direction sensors allow the device to turn to control the wind, while a more aerodynamically efficient blade design could also help to increase energy output.

"It's a viable alternative to produce electricity," said Richard Ford, the general manager for Utah Municipal Power Agency. "Wind should be the top of the list for new sources of electricity," Swisher said.

However, there are not many turbines installed in Utah. Most wind-generated energy is produced in California and Wyoming.

"We have a small plant in Spanish Fork Canyon, a couple residential uses in Utah County and in the St. George area. And the biggest wind machine in the state in Camp Williams," Judd said.

One of the problems that wind-generated power encounters is the wind industry in Utah does not have enough capital investments for further research and installation of wind turbines.

"The U.S. Congress helps us with federal grants to develop wind products, but often Provo City utilities have to finance (themselves). Money is not necessarily going to return to investors," Judd said.

Nonetheless, the energy campaign in Utah is continuing, in spite of difficulties Utah energy agencies might have.

"We believe that we have a social responsibility to improve the technologies to help clean up the atmosphere in the way we can, and still maintain the price cap that doesn't strain the residential customer," Judd said.

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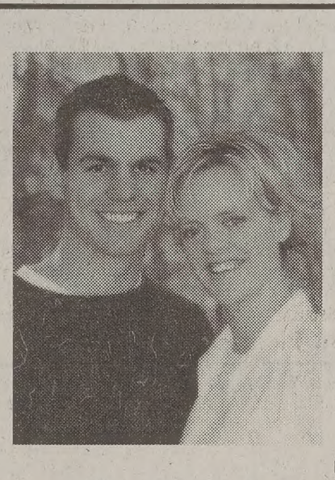
> — Randall Swisher, Wind Energy Assoc.



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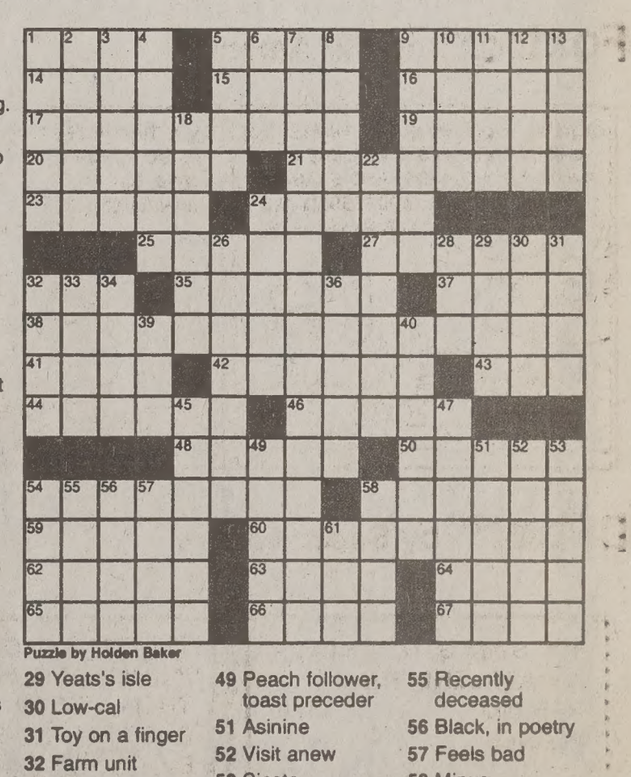

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Provo kicks off the Christmas holidays

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> "It puts me in the holiday spirit," — Becky Cox, Provo resident

Only a few families braved the chilly weather to watch Provo's Christmas Parade on Saturday as it made its way through downtown.

Provo's Christmas festivities continue tonight at 6:30 with the official lighting of the city lights on the steps of the courthouse.

Becky Cox of Provo said attending the parade — part of the city's annual WinterFest — has been a tradition in her family for the past three years.

Cox said she likes the parade because it is less crowded than the Freedom Festival Parade on the Fourth of July. She said she also enjoys the hometown atmosphere this parade brings.

"It puts me in the holiday spirit," Cox said.

Members of the Meldrum family agreed. They have made it a Thanksgiving family tradition.

For the children — many of who wore Santa hats — the highlight was Santa's arrival in his white carriage at the end of the procession.

Santa's carriage made wide circles so he could wave and say hello to all the children in attendance.

The city also advertised its upcoming "Provo's First Night," a citywide New Year's Eve celebration and part of WinterFest. This party is themed around the upcoming Winter Olympic Games.

Some of the events happening at "First Night" include performances by Johnny B., carriage rides and a chance for attendees to make their own Olympic torch.

Other entries included a Scottish marching band from Payson and the Olympic torchbearers from Utah County.

Area businesses took advantage of the opportunity Saturday to advertise holiday specials to the public.

Numerous businesses passed out flyers, pens and key chains in hopes of bringing in more business during the upcoming month.

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for the lab workers to get blood samples from his stake.

Miles said that he and about 200 others listened to a lecture while getting sampled. The experience was interesting, but the material was very technical, he said.

"It kind-of boggles your mind," he said.

Just the same, Miles said that at this point, it is easy to run into dead ends if researchers only use PAF. Doing one's genealogy is more than just collecting names – it involves a lot of time and even travel, he said. That is why a DNA database may be an important alternative in tracking lines, he said.

According to Perego, most samples have been collected from the United States. However, workers sometimes travel to other countries to get diverse populations for the database.

Perego said he looks for genealogical conferences around the world and asks coordinators if he can extract blood samples.

Even when areas do not have conferences, Perego said there are universities, hospitals and other organizations that could help plan the event.

Besides the continental U.S., lab workers have collected samples in Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Russia, South America and the Middle East.

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Letting it shine

Visitors walk under a lighted tree on Friday at Temple Square in Salt Lake City. The annual lig ing the day after Thanksgiving has become a symbol of the commencement of the holiday se son. The lights will remain up until after the Olympics. See story on page 6.

Utah native to carry Olympic torch on his 100th birthday

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The doorbell rang, but there was no dog barking, no baby crying — there was no sound at all.

But Perris Jensen can't be blamed for his delayed reaction to the doorbell.

His walker really slows him down.

Despite his dependence on walkers and wheelchairs, the 99-year-old Utah native will carry the Olympic flame on part of its journey to Salt Lake City the same day he celebrates his 100th birthday — Feb. 5.

A life of service may have gotten him to this point, but it won't help him run the required 0.2 miles in 27 minutes.

"I could hobble it, but not within the time limit we have," he said.

Jensen will be assisted by his son Wendell, who nominated him. Wendell Jensen, 70, from Salt Lake City, said his dad's entire life has been one of moderation and activity.

"Never in my life have I seen him sitting in a rocking chair," he said. "When he gets up in the morning he does about 40 minutes of exercise."

Jensen's work ethic paid off for him as an adult when he was the only person to pass the second day of testing for the Utah bar examination in 1927.

Jensen said he took a correspondence course in law and studied 16 hours a day, six days a week for five and a half months.

Jensen had three boys with his wife, who took care of the family while he focused on his studies.

Jensen built a private practice and also served in WWII as a lawyer in the war department.

He eventually decided to go back to college and get a bachelor's degree in independent studies from BYU. He graduated in 1981, at age 81, the oldest person to graduate from the university at that time.

Not only was Jensen recognized by President Thomas S. Monson at the commencement address, he graduated valedictorian of his class.

"I expect to take that knowledge with me when I go upstairs," Jensen said.

Jensen is in the process of finishing a book that he hopes will excite his posterity, which numbers over 120 people, to the point of wanting a testimony.

"I could pass on my dollars, that's no problem," he said. "But of no great benefit, they'd get by without it, even if they didn't get a dime."

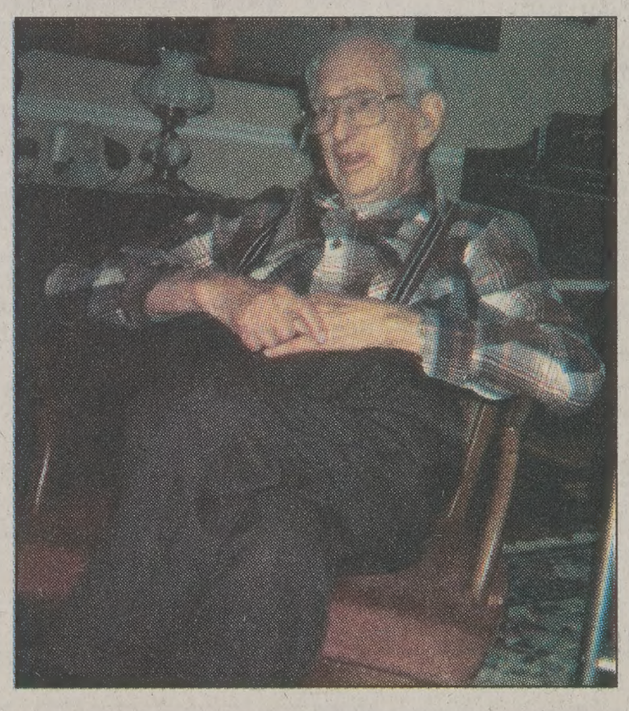
Marilyn Dougall, 58, daughter of Perris, said that her father has always been an example of patience, kindness and gentleness to her.

Wendell Jensen said he tries to emulate his dad.

"I've never once in my life seen him lose his temper, never heard him use a swear word or tell an off-color story," he said.

Perris Jensen's compassionate nature may have secured him a spot as a torchbearer, but it won't help him run the mandatory distance.

The only sound that will be heard this time is the squeaking of his wheelchair.



Perris Jens relaxes at home. He will carry Olympic torch on h 100th birth day.

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